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JUBILEE RETAIL OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector oil companies had started opening flagship, jubilee and model petrol pumps all over the country due to competition with the private sector;

(b) if so, the details of retail outlets opened under the said scheme, State-wise and Company-wise

(c) whether these petrol pumps are allotted to the same contractor/ party year after year despite their incurring loss;

(d) if so, the reason therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to shut down such retail outlets; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) are operating some of their Retail Outlets (ROs) as permanent Company-Owned-Company-Operated

(COCO) ROs for brand building, training of personnel and maintenance of uninterrupted supply of fuels during the period of crisis, at strategic locations named as Flagship RO, Jubilee RO, Model RO, etc. The State-wise and company- wise details of permanent COCO ROs is annexed.

(c) and (d): The financial performance of permanent COCO ROs are commensurate with the prevailing market conditions. The Ministry has issued broad policy guidelines on 06.09.2006 by which OMCs have been advised to frame their own guidelines for selection of labour contractors for permanent COCO ROs for a term of three years through advertisement route in an open and transparent manner.

(e) and (f): Subsequent to the dismantling of Administered Price Mechanism (APM) w.e.f 1.4.2002, OMCs have been given freedom for setting up and closure of ROs on commercial considerations.